

SLOW HANDCLAP AT OXFORD DEBACLE

VENGENCE caught up with Wycombe Wanderers at Loakes Park on Wednesday when Oxford City—who have found the ground an unlucky one in recent seasons—won much more easily than the 2-1 score suggests.

The all-white Oxford ghosts played havoc with an erratic Wycombe defence in the second half, wing men Bernard Harris and Tony Bricknell dazzling the home full backs with their ball control and trickery.

A splendid succession of saves by goalkeeper Ken Brown prevented Oxford from running away with the game in the closing stages. A 40 yards solo sprint and shot by Harris, after he had flashed past Beck at speed, decided the points in the 60th minute.

WORLEY'S EFFORT

The only other bright spots for dejected Wycombe fans in a very disappointing Wanderers display were the consistently constructive play of young Dave Thomas and the sight of Len Worley in full flight and finding something of his old form.

Worley, easily the best of the Wycombe forwards in the second half, made a brave effort to salvage a point.

Honours were even in a one-goal-each first half but Wycombe, hesitant near goal, should have been safely in front by the break.

Wycombe scored first in the 11th minute when Dennis Syrett, playing his first senior game for City this season, dropped Tomlin's corner kick. Rockell, who was to have a poor game—as did Bates—was on him in an instant to slam the ball into the net.

ONLY MISTAKE

But this was the only mistake Syrett was to make. He distinguished himself with several fine saves.

Oxford centre-half Buswell stormed upfield three minutes before the interval to head a fine

goal from Bricknell's flag kick—a well earned equaliser.

A rash of mistimed passing spread through the Wycombe team in the second half and Oxford gradually took complete control. Bates and Trott were switched without success and the crowd on the new terracing gave the ominous slow handclap as Wycombe's form and chances deteriorated.